MAY 2 8 2004 8

The 1761 /

PATENT Attorney Docket No. 401471

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: C. Sayala

In re Application of:

SAKAMOTO et al.

Application No. 10/002,620

Filed: December 5, 2001

For: FERTILIZER, PROCESS FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME, PROCESS

FOR CONTROLLING

INORGANIZING SPEED OF UREA/ALIPHATIC ALDEHYDE CONDENSATION PRODUCT, AND PROCESS FOR GROWING CROPS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2004, Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time, submit the requisite fee therefor, and request that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

06/01/2004 GWORDOF1 00000017 121216 10002620

01 FC:1201

86.00 DA